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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Authorization to Recover Costs Incurred in 2004 and Recorded in the Bark Beetle Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account.

Application 05-12-018
(Filed December 16, 2005)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING CHANGING THE SCHEDULE TO ALLOW PARTIES TO FILE A MOTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

The Assigned Commissioner and the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a scoping memo on March 3, 2006. Subsequently, we modified the schedule on March 22, 2006 resetting a mandatory settlement conference to be on or before July 14, 2006, and intervenor testimony to be served on July 28, 2006.

By email dated July 25, 2006, counsel for Edison informed the assigned ALJ that (i) a settlement conference was conducted on July 14, 2006, and (ii) only Southern California Edison Company (Edison) and the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) participated.

Edison and DRA requested an extension of two weeks, to August 11, 2006, to file a motion for adoption of a settlement agreement and to complete the detailed settlement agreement. By email dated July 25, 2006 the assigned ALJ granted the extension.

Rule 51.4 provides for a 30-day comment period – notwithstanding the absence of any other party participating to-date. I shall remove from the Commission's calendar the evidentiary hearing previously scheduled for

September 11, 12, 13, and September 18, 19, 2006. If necessary, further hearings may be set to address the proposed settlement.

Edison and DRA must comply with Rule 51.1(e), and clearly demonstrate that the “settlement is reasonable in light of the whole record, consistent with law, and in the public interest.” The parties must demonstrate that the proposed settlement meets the “standard of review” requirements as stated in the March 3, 2006 scoping memo.

IT IS RULED that the schedule for this proceeding is modified as shown herein.

Dated July 27, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DOUGLAS M. LONG

Douglas M. Long
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated July 27, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

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